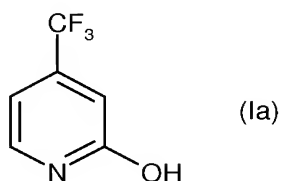


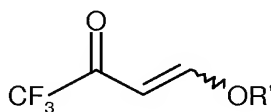
Claim Amendment

5. (Withdrawn).
6. (Withdrawn).
7. (Withdrawn).
8. (New) Process according to Claim 1 for the preparation of 4-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridinol



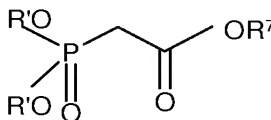
which comprises:

- i) contacting a 4-alkoxy-1,1,1-trifluorobut-3-en-2-one of the formula



in which R' represents C₁-C₆ alkyl,

with a trialkyl phosphonoacetate of the formula:



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and

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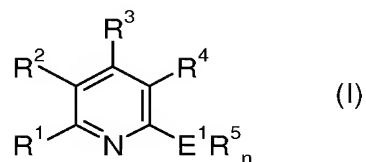
in the presence of a base and an alcoholic solvent to provide a mixture of intermediates,

and

ii) cyclizing the mixture of intermediates in the presence of ammonia to provide 4-trifluoromethyl-2-pyridinol.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) Process for the preparation of substituted pyridine derivatives of formula (I)



wherein

R^1 , R^2 independently the same or different are H; C_{1-20} -alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic); C_{6-20} -aryl - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-20} -alkoxy, C_{6-20} -aryloxy, amino; F; Cl; Br; I;

R^3 = CN, NO_2 , C_{1-20} -alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic); C_{6-20} -aryl - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-20} -alkoxy, C_{6-20} -aryloxy, amino; F; Cl; Br; I;

$R^4 = E_n R_m^6$ in which

if $n = m = 1$ than $E = S$ and $R^6 = C_{1-20}$ -alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic); C_{6-20} -aryl - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-20} -alkoxy, C_{6-20} -aryloxy, amino; F, Cl, Br, I;

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$E^1 = O, N$

$R^5 = H$

$n = 1$ for $E^1 = O$ und 2 for $E^1 = N$

comprising reaction of a α - β -unsaturated carbonyl compound of formula (II)

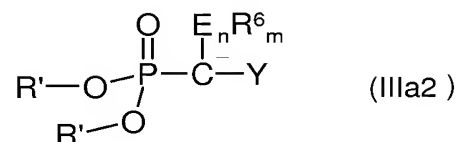
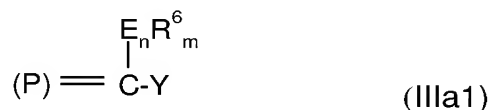


wherein

R^1 , R^2 and R^3 have the above defined meaning;

$G = -NH_2$ or a leaving group

with a Wittig reagent or Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reagent of formula (III)



wherein

$(P) = P(Ar)_3$, with $Ar =$ substituted or preferably unsubstituted C_{6-20} aryl, $R' =$ is equal or different independently means C_{1-20} alkyl, branched or straight or cyclic, or C_{6-20} aryl;

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Y = -CN; -C(O)NH₂; -C(O)OR⁷ with R⁷ = as defined for R¹ above, except H

in the presence of a base and if

- i) Y = -CN or C(O)NH₂, G = a leaving group and the base is an alcoholate, subsequent acidic catalyzed, with zeolithes catalyzed or basic catalyzed cyclization;
- ii) Y = -C(O)-OR⁷, G = a leaving group and the base is an alcoholate, subsequent basic cyclization in the presence of ammonia.

2. (Original) Process according to claim 1, wherein R¹ = R² = H and R³ = electron withdrawing group.

3. (Original) Process according to claims 1 to 2, wherein R¹ = R² = H and R³ is a partially or fully fluorinated C₁₋₆-alkylgroup.

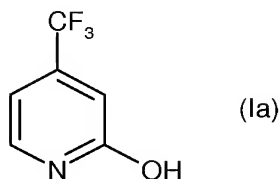
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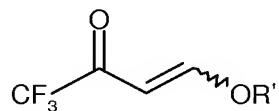
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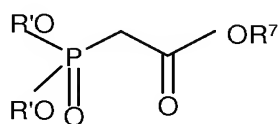
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